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IN VACATION.

Foresight.—"I suppose you attribute your success in life to your own foresight," said the magazine biographer.

"Yes," answered Mr. Dustin Stax.

"In what way did it manifest itself?"

"In picking out smart lawyers to look after my affairs."

Partition Made Easy.—Teacher.—Harry, a mother has five children and but four potatoes. How can she divide the potatoes so that each of the children will receive an equal portion.

Harry (quickly).—Mash 'em.

Disproving a Theory.—Baker.—"Do you think it is true that two can live as cheaply as one?"

Barker.—"Not much. Since I've been paying alimony to Mrs. Barker it has cost me double what it did when she was my better half."

"M. Dooley" on the Power of the Press.—"What's the use iv a lawyer annyhow? If I get a good wan ye may hire a betther. Th' more money a man has th' betther lawyer he can get, but th' more money a man has th' worse iditor he's liable to get. All anny lawyer can do is to holler at another lawyer. Al a judge can do is to look unpleasant an' dhrop off into dhreams just at th' time whin th' most excitin' evidence in ye'er favor is bein' put in. No sir, lawyers an' judges don't amount to annything. 'Tis th' twelve good men an' thrue dhragged fr'm butcher shop an' grocery store that decides. It's th' intilligent jury iv ye'er peers or worse that tells ye whether ye must put in th' rist iv ye'er days stickin' paper insoles into ready-made shoes or wearin' out th' same lookin' f'r wurrk. Th' lawyers make th' law; th' judges make th' errors, but the iditors make th' juries.

"So whin ye're landed down stairs in th' polisc station, an' ye sind for ye'er frinds ye say to him: 'Boys, ye needn't throuble ye'ersilf about what lawyer ye get so long as he's cheap; but do ye go down to th' iditor an' tell him that the' cause of human freedom is on thrile undher the nom de plom iv Malachi Hinmissy,' says ye. 'An' whin ye come up f'r thrile th' lawyer tells ye th' case looks bad f'r ye but he'll thry to save ye; an' ye give him th' wink an' sit serene, f'r well ye know that ivry wan iv thim sworn boolwarks iv justice facin' ye has been tould ivry day f'r two months that it is insanity but not crime to steal a ham, an' over th' honest heart iv each iv thim is a copy iv the Daily Kazoo offerin' a season ticket to th' baseball game to th' juror that gives th' best reason why th' pop'lar Malachi Hinmissy shud be acquitted (cut out this coupon. An' afther th' lawyers on both sides has pounded th' furniture to pieces an' th' judges has

read a little composition on larceny fr'm th' thirdr reader, th' jury give a roar iv 'not guilty' an' thin adjourns with th' judge, th' bar an' th' pris'ner to th' office iv th' Kazoo to have their pitchers taken. Ye put in the next three weeks writin' about ye'er sufferings an' afther that ye get a good job as wan iv th' contributors to th' Fire-side Frind."

In the obituary of Lord Young the **London Law Journal** gives one or two instances of his ready wit. "What are you reading now? Where are you?" he once asked a floundering advocate, wading through a record marked 'A', 'B', and 'C'. "I am at 'C', my Lord," came the reply. "I thought so," said Lord Young.

It is he who gave the well known description of the three degrees of liars—"The liar, the d——d liar, and the expert witness."

Some person left a bequest of a quarter of a million to the Church of Scotland; whereupon Lord Young remarked that it was "the heaviest fire insurance on record."

Kiss Failed to Pay Debt.

A kiss given in settlement of a debt for \$110 is not a legal satisfaction of the claim, according to a decision rendered in the district court at Omaha, Neb.

Mrs. Boltz, a prepossessing widow of mature years, was sued by Nicholas Pries, and the defendant admitted the loan was made a year ago. When she was ready to repay it, according to her statement, the plaintiff said to her: "Oh, never mind about that; just give me a kiss, and that will settle it."

The kiss was given, she avers, and she insists that she gave it in the belief and understanding that the debt had been discharged. She borrowed another \$250, which she paid in cash.

The court decided in favor of the creditor, suggesting that he should compromise by returning the kiss. To this, however, Mrs. Boltz objects.—Washington Post.

BOOK REVIEWS.

Commentaries on the Law of Contracts, by Joel Prentiss Bishop, LL.D. Second Edition, revised and Enlarged, by Marion C. Early, author of "Assignments for Benefit of Creditors," in Cyc., etc., etc. Chicago. T. H. Flood & Co., 1907. Price \$6.00.

This work of the great law writer has been before the profession for nearly twenty years. It use has been extensive, being cited frequently by the courts and of almost incalculable value to the busy lawyer and student. Its concise, clear statement of the law; its an-